

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1083.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURAL ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Agricultural Act of 2014 implementation after one year, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Rich Felts, Felts Farms LLC, Liberty, Kansas; Ronnie Lee, National Cotton Council and Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, Bronwood, Georgia; Clay Mitchell, Buckingham, Iowa; and Michael DeRuiter, Hart, Michigan.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee began a closed hearing to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again in open session on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 527, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turn-around Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965,

which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### U.S. HUMAN EXPLORATION GOALS AND COMMERCIAL SPACE COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine United States human exploration goals and commercial space competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Walter Cunningham (USMC, Ret.), former NASA Astronaut and Apollo 7 Pilot, and John Elbon, Boeing Space Exploration, both of Houston, Texas; Buzz Aldrin (USAF, Ret.), former NASA Astronaut and Apollo 11 Pilot, Satellite Beach, Florida; Michael J. Massimino, former NASA Astronaut and Mission Specialist for Space Shuttle Program, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Scott Pace, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs Space Policy Institute, and Eric W. Stallmer, Commercial Spaceflight Federation, both of Washington, DC.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary, and Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior.

### TAX REFORM, GROWTH AND EFFICIENCY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform, growth and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Michael J. Boskin, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; John W. Diamond, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and Tax Policy Advisers, LLC, Houston, Texas; and Laura D'Andrea Tyson, University of California Hass School of Business, Berkeley.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of resources, priorities

and programs in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

#### **EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND INDEPENDENCE OF INSPECTORS GENERAL**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and independence of inspectors general, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Steve A. Linick, Inspector General, Department of State, and Inspector General, Broadcasting Board of Governors; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

#### **RECALIBRATING REGULATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recalibrating regulation of colleges and universities, focusing on a report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education, after receiving tes-

timony from William E. Kirwan, University System of Maryland, Adelphi; and Nicholas S. Zeppos, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine human trafficking in the United States, focusing on protecting the victim, including S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, and S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, after receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Gillibrand, Ayotte, and Mikulski; Michael Ferjak, Iowa Department of Justice Senior Criminal Investigator and Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prosecution Initiative Director, Des Moines; Holly Austin Smith, Walking Prey, Richmond, Virginia; Malika Saada Saar, Human Rights Project for Girls, Washington, DC; and Jayne Bigelsen, Covenant House, New York, New York.

#### **INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 1021–1054; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 17–18; and H. Res. 120–123, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 212, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–26);

H.R. 734, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (H. Rept. 114–27); and

H. Res. 121, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 529) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the per-

formance of their children's schools, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–28).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Drinking Water Protection Act:*** H.R. 212, amended, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 375 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 84; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for